

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 4.93 ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli Reserve Forest, Kadapa Division / District for Widening of road from Mittameedipalli to Polathala temple, in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Kadapa - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O Ms. No. 23

Dated:08-03-2013.

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, A.P, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.30023/A/2007-F3, dt.7-9-2008.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.7194/For.I (1)/2008, dt:1-10-2008.
3. From GOI, MoEF, Bglr.. Lr.No.4-APC557/2008-BAN/3373, dt:3-12-2008.
4. From PCCF, A.P, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.30023/A/2007-F3, dt.11-5-2009.
5. State Govt. letter No. 7194/FOR.I (1)/2008, dt.6-6-2009.
6. From GOI, MoEF, Bglr.. Lr.No.4-APB557/2008-BAN/4767, dt:16-6-2009.
7. State Govt. letter No. 7194/FOR.I (1)/2008, dt.12-11-2012.
8. From GOI, MoEF, Bglr.. Lr.No.4-APB557/2008-BAN/2922, dt:15-02-2013.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 5.1162 ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli Reserve Forest, Kadapa Division / District for Widening of road from Mittameedipalli to Polathala temple, in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Kadapa, and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide their letter 3rd read above, have informed that the existing width of the cart track of 3 Mts. cannot be exempted from the requirement of forest area for the project and requested that the requirement of forest land for the project be revised accordingly and the revised proposal be submitted including Compensatory Afforestation scheme etc. for further consideration of the proposal.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, in the letter 4th read above, has submitted revised proposal for diversion of 4.93 ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli Reserve Forest, Kadapa Division / District for Widening of road from Mittameedipalli to Polathala temple, in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Kadapa, and the same was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide State Govt. letter 5th read above.

5. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide their letter 6th read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage-I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

6. The State Government vide letter 7th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

7. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 8th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage-II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.93 ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli Reserve Forest, Kadapa Division / District for Widening of road from Mittameedipalli to Polathala temple, in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Kadapa, for a period of 20 years, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

8. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 4.93 ha. of forest land in Ganganapalli Reserve Forest, Kadapa Division / District for Widening of road from Mittameedipalli to Polathala temple, in favour of Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Kadapa, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.
- (iii) Non-forest land over an extent of 5.00 ha. in Jowkulapalli (V) of Vontimetta Mandal transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department shall be notified by the State Government as RF/ PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within six months.
- (iv) Since, the non-forest land transferred for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is having very good vegetation, the CA amount realized shall be utilized for raising Compensatory Afforestation in 5.4 ha. of degraded forest land in Ganganapalli RF.
- (v) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency and deposited in the Ad-hoc CAMPA Account.
- (vi) During the constructions of the road, it shall be ensured that no damage is done to the adjoining forests.
- (vii) Plantation shall be taken on either side of the road at the cost of the User Agency by the DFO.
- (viii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.93 ha. Handing and taking over of land and commencement of work in the land shall be done within a period of two years from the date of Stage-II approval.
- (ix) Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. SAMUEL,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Kadapa.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.